



General Assembly

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***Proposed Bill No. 41***

LCO No. 539

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
SEN. MEYER, 12th Dist.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE BIFURCATION OF PERSONAL INJURY  
AND WRONGFUL DEATH ACTIONS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That chapter 900 of the general statutes be amended to provide that
- 2 in any civil action resulting from a personal injury or wrongful death
- 3 that is to be tried to a jury, any party may file a motion to bifurcate the
- 4 trial into a liability phase and a damages phase and that the court shall
- 5 grant the motion to bifurcate unless it determines that the risk of
- 6 prejudice to the party requesting bifurcation is substantially
- 7 outweighed by the benefit of a single phase trial.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To permit a civil action arising from personal injury or wrongful death, that is to be tried to a jury, to be bifurcated into a liability phase and a damages phase.